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SUBJECT: JAPANESE POLICY ON ENERGY ACTION GROUP (EAG)
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1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA PROVIDED UNDERSECRETARY DONALDSON DECEMBER 28 WITH PAPER CONTAINING POSITIVE OFFICIAL GOJ RESPONSE TO US EAG PROPOSAL. IN PRESENTING PAPER, YASUKAWA SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE PRELIMINARY CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG CONSUMER COUNTRIES CALLED FOR IN PAPER SHOULD BE VIA BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS OR IN PRELIMINARY MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE.

2. DONALDSON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR JAPANESE POSITION AND SAID HE HOPED TO MAKE A FIRM PROPOSAL ON GENERAL FORMAT IN ABOUT A WEEK. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING REACTIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON THE EAG PROPOSAL; THIS POSITIVE GOJ POSITION IS MOST TIMELY AND WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR DELIBERATIONS.

3. YASUKAWA SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME APPREHENSION IN HIS GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

AT THE PILGRIM SOCIETY ON AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF URANIUM ENRICHING EFFORT IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE IMPACT ON JAPAN'S POLICY OF DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES. NOTING JOINT STUDY BETWEEN US AND JAPANESE COMPANIES FOR A US BASED JOINT VENTURE, "CONTRACT WITH THE FRENCH" FOR ENRICHED URANIUM, AND JAPANESE DOMESTIC PROGRAMS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND NUCLEAR ENERGY INCLUDING FUTURE FUSION PROGRAMS, YASUKAWA STATED THAT SOME MISGIVINGS EXIST THAT THE EAG WOULD PUT SOME CONTROLS ON THESE. DONALDSON ASSURED HIM THIS WAS NOT AT ALL OUR INTENTION BUT HOPEFULLY JUST THE OPPOSITE. WE PERCEIVE THE NEED FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF ENRICHMENT PLANTS AND IT IS THE MATTER OF TIMING WE SHOULD DISCUSS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE TRYING TO HAVE EVERYONE BUY THEIR ENRICHMENT SERVICES FROM ANY SINGLE SOURCE. WE RECOGNIZE A POTENTIAL FOR DUPLICATION IN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND HOPE REDUNDANCY CAN BE ELIMINATED WITH A COORDINATED EFFORT.

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4. TEXT OF JAPANESE TALKING PAPER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: 1. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CONSIDERS THE PROPOSAL BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACHIEVING A LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR ENERGY PROBLEMS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. WE ARE BASICALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPOSAL AND WOULD LIKE TO DEAL POSITIVELY WITH THE PROPOSAL SO THAT ITS OBJECTIVES MAY BE ACHIEVED.

2. SOME OF THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES MAY VIEW THE PROPOSAL AS- CALLING FOR THE FORMATION OF

A CONSUMER UNION, AND MAY THEREFORE HAVE MISGIVINGS. ACCORDINGLY, WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO GAIN THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS PROPOSAL AIMS AT A SOLUTION TO ENERGY PROBLEMS BY COOPERATION, BASED ON A LONG-TERM VISION, BETWEEN OIL-PRODUCING AND OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES, WHICH DOES NOT ENTAIL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. WE THEREFORE CONSIDER THAT THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, AND JAPAN SHOULD FIRST DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES CONFIDENTIALLY AND IN A FLEXIBLE MANNER THE CONCRETE MEASURES MOST CONDUCTIVE TO REALIZING THE PROPOSAL, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POSSIBLE PERCEPTIONS OF THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. WE THINK THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES SHOULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. SUCH PRELIMINARY AND CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS COULD USEFULLY INCLUDE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SUCH CURRENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AS THE INCREASED PRICE OF CRUDE OIL.

3. WHILE OUR BASIC THINKING IS AS STATED ABOVE, IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT OIL SITUATION, WE WOULD FOR THE TIME-BEING PUBLICLY EXPLAIN OUR POSITION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINE.

"THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, INCLUDING THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES, ARE PROBLEMS WHICH FACE ALL MODERN SOCIETIES INCLUDING JAPAN, AND WE APPRECIATE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL AS A SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE IN
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APPEALING FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES. WHILE WISHING TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE POINTS RAISED BY THE PROPOSAL, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WOULD WISH TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER IT IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED INCLUDING THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES." END QUOTE.

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